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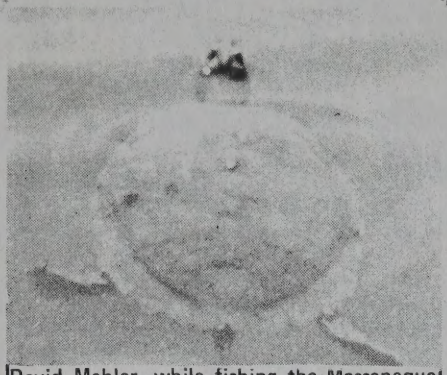

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Don

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The meetings will continue on a First Thursday monthly basis throughout the non-boating season and will increase in tempo to bi-monthly and weekly as the demand arises.

For more information on this free Round Table exchange of knowledge, please send a post card to MGRO-USCG Aux., 90 Emerson Drive, Great Neck, N.Y. 11023, or attend the opening session - Bayside Yacht Club, 216-50 28th Avenue, Bayside, N.Y. at 8:15 P.M., Thursday, November 2, 1972.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Donald (age 10) and Bobby (age 13) Story, of Bay Shore, pose happily with their first striped bass. The boys sent us the photo and a very interesting letter concerning their catch. Bobby's fish was caught last Saturday at 11:00 p.m. and Donald's fish was taken on Sunday at approximately the same time. The boys fished the Sore Thumb Jetty with their dad, who has been trying to land his first striper for 12 years without success. We would say it was beginners luck for the boys, wouldn't you dad?

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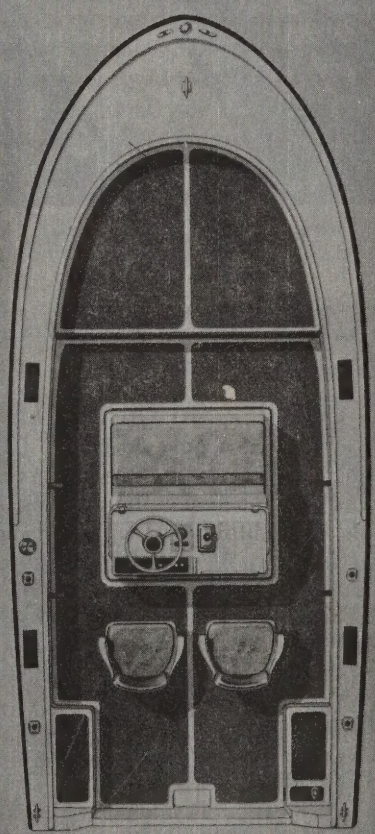

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ENEMIES OF THE SEA

By Vince Guaglianone

Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés

"The earth was created by the assistance of the sun, and it should be left as it was . . . The country was made without lines of demarcation, and it is no man's business to divide it . . . I see the whites all over the country gaining wealth, and see their desire to give us lands which are worthless . . . The earth and myself are of one mind. The measure of the land and the measure of our bodies are the same. Say to us if you can say it, that you were sent by the Creative Power to talk to us. Perhaps you think the Creator sent you here to dispose of us as you see fit. If I thought you were sent by the Creator I might be induced to think you had a right to dispose of me. Do not misunderstand me, but understand me fully with reference to my affection for the land. I never said the land was mine to do with it what I chose. The one who has the right to dispose of it is the one who has created it. I claim a right to live on my land, and accord you the privilege to live on yours."

From Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown; Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York; 1970; p. 316

LUXURY AND COMFORT

REMEMBER THE OIL DRILLING disaster at Santa Barbara? I remember reading in the newspapers an account that included the reaction of people in California when they went down to see those oil-drenched shores. It was stated that many among them had not been to the beach in years. They heard of something happening, and so they went down and saw the great and widespreading oil over the sea. The crowds gathered and they saw all the seabirds struggling in the vast expanse of oil, dying; they saw thousands of dead fishes floating in; they saw the seals in agony; they looked at the blackened beach that had once been a thing of beauty in the world - " . . . and a great sighing and moaning arose from the crowds . . . Many were visibly weeping;" as the New York Times told it.

If any among the crowds owned property which was damaged by this oil rig blow-out, they had a different emotion later on when they considered the damage to their personal property. But what is truly remarkable is how crowds of people mourned the devastation of things which they did not own.

That day the people of Santa Barbara did not own what they deeply mourned the loss of. In a certain real sense, as though it were the end of the world: the sorrowing people became drastically aware that wilderness is not 'property,' or 'real estate;' even though parts of wilderness can be 'claimed' or 'leased.'

We are all somewhat implicitly aware that we cannot, in a full and ultimate sense, 'own' what we did not make. Perhaps by this implicit consciousness we are all still savages like Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés, who spoke "in relation to my affection for the land." Many Santa Barbarans, under the impact of that disaster, realized suddenly how they have an affection for the sea and all its things. Forgotten, for a while, was the need for air-conditioners; the need for bigger and faster autos; the need for the latest T.V. shows; and a host of other necessities.

There is a deep and diverse link between man and wild nature. This cannot be fully discussed here. But owing to our present way of living, absorbed with the many things manufactured to support our "needs," this deep rich bond between man and wilderness is covered up. In many it is even dried up entirely. In others there are certain times, particular experiences when we grasp different essential aspects of wild nature. At one time: mysterious beauty, as when we find a particular sunset over the sea. At another time: inscrutable violence and danger - the terrible aspect of nature, as when we are caught in a sudden storm or when we merely look at the teeth of a big shark. At other times what comes across most is a marvelous interdependence of nature's multitudes, with all their deep richness and variety. We can experience this aspect in many

ways; but it is this aspect especially which the scientists focus on. The fourth aspect of nature is also experienced in many ways. It is the particular suitability that wild nature has for the life of man; and it goes beyond the basic things such as food, or the existance of oxygen on this planet. Included in this 'nourishment' aspect of nature is its importance for us if we need to find a place of quietude; to find a place of rugged beauty; to find a place for sport and for recreation. Included are other benefits as well.

But today for many people - and not entirely through their own fault - it has to be a time of catastrophe as at Santa Barbara whereby the fragile preciousness of wild nature is revealed anew. By their deep sorrow the crowds responded to the value which wilderness has as a whole; an importance that it has in itself. The sorrow of the Santa Barbarans at what they saw, was an affirmation that all the multitudes of nature not made by man, deserve to be. To be as they are. To be and to prosper.

No one sanely advocates such a prosperity of wilderness as would erase fragile man from the planet. It is another discussion how man also deserves to be and to prosper. But this 'prosperity' might mean a quality of life-style; something that ought not to be confused with a "standard of living" linked to the gross national product. The obsession with this "standard of living" prevents many from enjoying a diversity of experience. And a diversity of experience, a quality life-style, is for many reasons impossible without the strong presence of wild nature as an essential ingredient in the total 'background' of man.

On purpose I used the word, 'background.' I am not silly. I do not advocate a "return to nature." I do not believe that man was ever 'at home' in the seething hard heart of wilderness, in daily confrontation with its terrible aspect symbolized by the shark's teeth. (Where man's true home is, is rightly perceived by some to be a religious question.) I am aware that wilderness can be most enjoyable, when there is a certain 'distance' between it and ourselves. I am aware that nature has to be controlled; but I regret that control has come to mean destroy. Most of all, I am aware that man does not derive from wilderness, his capacity to appreciate it. This, and the benefits of that appreciation belong to man.

But the Progress People who like to set up every nature-lover as a butterfly-freak, who like to equate nature-appreciation as a return to the caves: they seem to be unaware that the depreciation of wilderness is directly linked to the cancerous growth of such Cities as are, in effect, great Caves; illuminated intensely by electric light; humming and roaring ingeniously with super power; but in effect: Caves. I notice that from these New Caves, almost everyone who is able to, flees.

After such spare remarks, it could be possible to now also touch on the so called "power crisis," and the need to drill oil wells offshore of Long Island and off the New England coast. But neither can this matter be adequately discussed here. It would be anyway a waste of paper to do so. By its factual and fearless reporting, the Long Island Press has already made available the sordid details regarding this need that we all have, a need which happens to be of enormous financial profit for the oil industry.

The following scant facts have been selected as an example of how intertwined everything is.

1) January 10, 1870, John D. Rockefeller organized Standard Oil, to monopolize the industry . . .

2) February 8, 1972, President Nixon asked Congress for $4.4 million for fiscal year 1973 to finance an intensified program for the exploration of oil deposits from Cape Hatteras to the North Atlantic off Canada, " . . . in the world's most valuable fishing grounds on the rim of the Outer Continental Shelf." (Long Island Press, 2/9/72)

Comment. You know that our government has permitted ultra-technological harvesting of food fish in this area, and right up to our shores, by foreign fleets. Perhaps in ten years, it will be possible for our government to declare: Well, there's no fish and all that out there anymore anyway. So why shouldn't we enjoy the oil?

3) Our State Legislature passed a bill that would have prohibited drilling for oil or gas anywhere in the state waters of Long Island Sound, and in the ocean within three miles of Long Island. But on June 10, 1972, our Governor Nelson Rockefeller who is a stockholder in Standard Oil, vetoed this bill.

Comment. This veto might be a good thing. Because drilling oil 3.1 miles offshore or 30 miles offshore or 300 miles offshore, is as bad as 3 miles offshore.

4) There are no known ways to prevent, out on the ocean, oil rig blow-outs like at Santa Barbara (where Platform A still leaks, as I learned from the Save Our Bays Association newsletter: 2348 Maple Street, Seaford, Long Island, 11783).

5) The oil of a spill is not just messy, or destructive of the wildlife and beaches that it visibly contacts. It strikes invisibly into the entire ecology; as discovered by those scientists of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute who studied the Falmouth oilspill (a tanker) of 1969. Creatures are still dying, and will continue to die for at least 40 more years as a result of that oil spill in 1969.

6) The Institute's Doctor M. Blumer, and former Harvard bio-chemist Doctor Donald G. Comb are among the scientists who claim that many compounds in oil are proven to be cancer-causing in humans.

7) Dr. A. Berlad of Stony Brook University, "regarded as an international authority on combustion" (L.I. Press, 3/28/72) concluded after a study that "Americans could save over $500 million and billions of gallons of 'scarce' oil a year - as well as reducing air pollution - if home oil burners were set to run more efficiently."

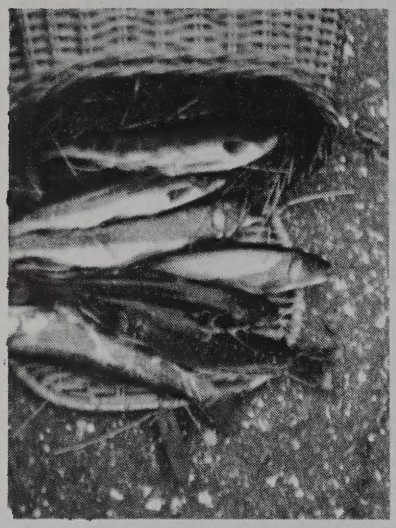
8) Home oil burners? How about automobiles set to run more efficiently; and to run by different fuel.

9) The money that government and industry spend to advertise our need for more oil, could be spent for research to develop and perfect other sources of power; like a form of atomic power that does not entail dangerous, long-lived radioactive wastes, or the emission of excessive heat.

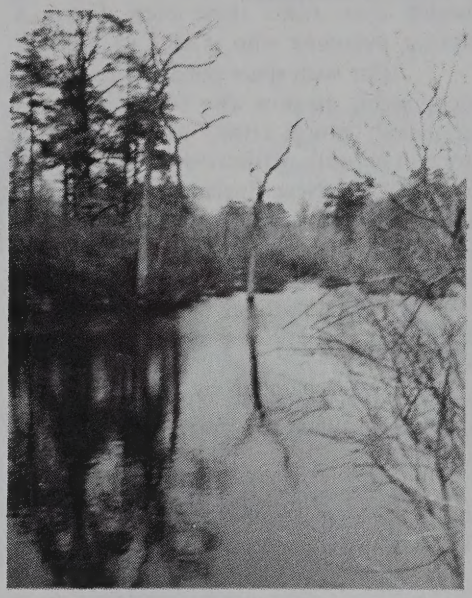
The list and the variety of linked factors is endless. But we cannot justly blame only the politicians, and a wealthy industry that moves government more than our votes do. We must constructively include ourselves in blame. This is why the sub-title of this article is, Luxury And Comfort. Have either of these two things ever produced real, deep happiness? How has it happened that an entire national economy seems to be based on these two things? Luxury and the pride that it satisfies; Comfort and the flesh that it pampers.

THE LOWLY WORM

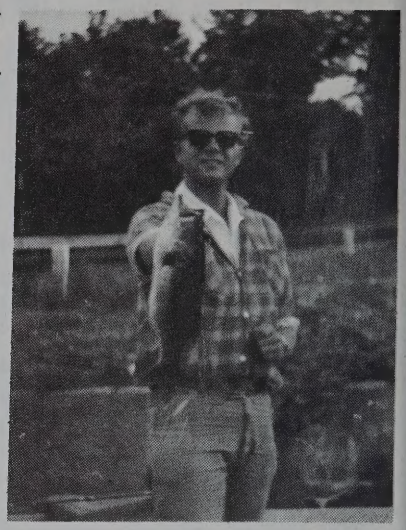
By Don Vetter



Brookies love worms.



When the water is high and cold . . .



Some bass like worms!

THE FLASHLIGHT BEAM cut reluctantly through a curtain of mist and drizzle. It had rained hard all day, and the ground squelched underfoot as I prowled through the darkness. The circle of light swept across the grass and revealed a worm's head poking from out of its hole. I was on my knees in an instant, and the palm of my hand slapped down. The hand may be quicker than the eye, but it is often slower than the nightcrawler; this one got away.

If you've never hunted for nightwalkers in the inky dark, you don't realize what an engaging game it can be. Some maintain it can be as much fun as the fishing itself. While I wouldn't go that far, I do get a kick out of sneaking up on the little devils. The requirements are simple: a fertile, well watered lawn, a flashlight (red celophane over the lens, or a bulb dipped in nail polish seems to spook the crawlers less than a white light), a soft tread and a quick hand. The trick when you spot one, is to slap your hand down before he can withdraw into his burrow, and grasp him firmly, but gently. Since they rarely poke out more than a third of their length, you have to pull carefully between the worm's contractions to get him out the rest of the way. If you just yank, you will wind up with only a piece of worm.

Common garden, or angle worms may be gathered in the daytime, with the aid of a spading fork. Around compost heaps, under piles of leaves, or anywhere that the earth remains damp, are logical places to look for them. A turn or two of the spade should supply your day's needs, if you pick a good spot. For those who wish to keep a supply of worms on hand, a wooden box or tub, filled with sphagnum moss (available at florists and garden supply centers), will keep worms healthy for quite a long time. Keep the moss damp (not saturated), and spread a little coffee grounds or oatmeal on top now and then, for food. A layer of wet burlap, placed over the box, will help in keeping the contents moist. Keep it in a shady spot and protect from freezing.

Early season trout fishing may be the traditional time for worm fishing, but there are many other times throughout the year when worms may prove most effective. The brookies in the photo, for example, were caught on worms just after a July thunderstorm. Anytime a rainfall raises and/or discolors the water is a good time to employ worms. They are at their best when fished unweighted, as described in 'Natural Baits,' L.I.F. August 17th issue. Brookies are almost always worm-hungry to some extent, but browns and rainbows can also find a worm irresistable from time to time. In periods of low, clear water, a small garden worm on a light wire hook, has it all over the larger nightcrawler. Whichever you use, hook him once, lightly, through the egg collar.

There is a good deal of controversy as to a worm's effectiveness as a bass bait. There are those who feel (and I am inclined to agree) that the only good worm for bass is the plastic variety. This seeming contradiction is explained easily enough; a bass does not see a plastic worm as an imitation of its natural counterpart. When worked properly, the plastic worm performs more on the order of an eel, with its swimming action, rather than a nightcrawler, which would merely sink to the bottom and remain there.

While they may not rank as number one choice on a largemouth's menu, one or two lightly hooked 'crawlers can tempt them into striking, if fished a bit off the bottom. Smallmouths, on the other hand, are often real worm fanciers, and will take them with abandon. I often regret that these hard-fighting gamesters are nor more widespread on Long Island. As it is, Shelter Island Pond is the only body of water I know of here which is inhabited by smallmouth bass.

The list of panfish which dote on worms would include just about every species on the Island: white and yellow perch, bluegills and pumkinseeds, black and brown bullheads, even crappies and carp on occasion. Although the crappies and white perch would probably prefer small minnows, and the carp a doughball, or similar concoction, all

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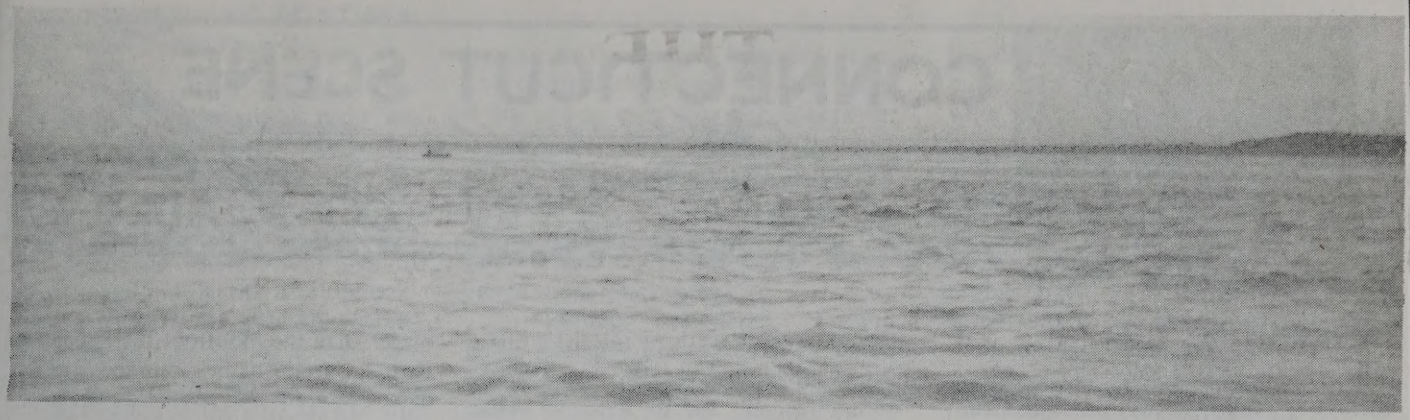

Daybreak finds many boats roaring off to distant places to fish, when good fishing sometimes exists at the very inlets they pass.

OF SURFMEN AND BOATMEN

By Mickey Chiarenza

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR when surfmen and boatmen find themselves fishing the same waters more than any other time of the fishing season. A great number of gamefish have moved closer to shore, feeding blitzes are common as tons of bait pour out of creeks, rivers and large inlets to develop into giant chum slicks. Hungry stripers, blues, weakfish and other game congregate just outside and sometimes inside these inlets and along the rips that carry this bait down the beaches. On one bank of a small, narrow inlet, casters line the shore, and on the opposite bank, more casters. In the middle of this small inlet, boats with still more casters appear. Between and around them all, crashing and leaping, gamefish are hot in pursuit of frenzied baitfish that are scurrying around in all directions. Lures fly everywhere, whizzing past heads, snagging anchor lines. Fish fighting against tight lines swing into the beach, picking up more lines, and lures ride up the line of the lucky (?) anglers. Shouting begins, lines tangle around props, lines pop, fish break off, lures snap off, hooks straighten out, darn it! And when it's all over, you will hear someone say, "Boy, was that fun!" The exchange of stories of that wild hour begin as fish are compared and hung on stringers for the walk back to the car or buggy. This is the way it is with more and more fishermen competing for space at the 'numbered' and 'limited' places to fish; we must make the best of it. There are times when some anglers get a bit greedy, boats are in their way, people are in their way, or they will rush into a school of feeding fish to ruin it for all, including themselves. That's no way to have fun. Tempers flare up, arguments begin, and having witnessed all of this, I can only say I'm sure glad most of the time these guys are separated by a few feet of water as they wave gaffs at each other.

Boatmen don't need surfmen to find trouble, they can find it among their own. I'm still rather amused by a few boatmen that will deliberately cut across another's bow and then yell out, "Hey, watch my lines!" Boats congregate in great numbers to troll at known places, and when fish are seen coming over the sides in one little particular spot, all boats make an attempt to get there 'all at the same time.' At such a time and place, God help the guy that suddenly hangs solid into the bottom with 300 feet of line out. It's happened to me; in seconds a few other boats will cross over the tight anchored line. Feeling the jolt, they strike back. Cheers follow and the gaff is brought out. My arm waving is not seen, or sometimes they will wave back. Sooner or later the smiles turn to groans and the gaff is put away.

This past summer I was involved in a three-way snag. In the middle was a small aluminum boat with two anglers bottom fishing and anchored. Rods doubled over and reels sang out on the three trolling boats. Unfortunately one of the boats tried to reel the other two boats in as he thought he was into fish, and continued on course. His lures rode up the criss-crossed tight lines. When all the lures engaged, all lines suddenly swished up out of the water, and like many steel swords, whizzed along the surface of the water and across the aluminum boat. Luckily these fellows heard and saw it coming and ducked just in the nick of time. Odd as it may seem, I knew the two fellows in the aluminum boat. They were "devout" and excellent surfmen out on a mid-summer's day to catch a few porgies (one of those rare occasions when they will do so). Strange that it should happen to them, of all people.

I have always been in awe at the sight of boats passing breaking, boiling fish, and how they would lean over the gunwale and ask, "How ya doin', any fish?" They must think me rude as I stand there motionless with my jaw hung down and my rod arching under the strain of a fish. It happened! On one such morning, just before daybreak, I slowly slipped my boat through a narrow inlet. Swirls and boils caught my eye in the darkness. I eased my anchor quietly over the side and the boat came at rest along a nearby bank. The only problem I had now was that my three guests (two men and a boy) could not cast. With three spin rods handy, and rigged with small white Whiptails, I grabbed one of the rods and flipped out the lure. I was into a fish immediately. I set the hook and handed it to the boy. I grabbed the second rod, cast the lure out to the swirling fish, and handed it to one of the men. On my third cast with the third rod, I noticed a boat coming towards us. By this time the boy had his fish near the boat and was having difficulty in getting line on the fish. The fish kept making short runs. I handed the rod to the third man as the first man's rod doubled over. Gaffing the boy's bass, the third rod's reel sang out with a good fish. The boat passed us by, I unhooked the boy's bass and flipped the lure out again. A crack of light now showed on the horizon as still another

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

TWO WEEKS AGO, right in the middle of the ten o'clock news, the phone rang. "Dick, this is Joe Piza. Are you off tomorrow?"

I knew what was coming next, and sadly revealed that I had two more days of work before I could swing a day off.

"Bass hit the beaches today," said Joe. "East Beach, from Quonnie to Charlestown had action all day long. Blues are even mixing in."

We made a date for Monday. I buzzed Jim Christiano, Bob Franco and Ed Stalling, and we agreed to depart Westport at 4:30 a.m. in order to reach the beaches before daybreak. Rhode Island is only a short haul from southern Connecticut.

Arriving in Mystic on Monday morning, we piled into the beach buggies owned by Jim and Joe, and made a fifteen minute run to Quonnie Breachway, or just east of there where we entered the beach, dropped the vehicles into 4-wheel drive, and headed east.

Rhode Island beaches are a fisherman's paradise. Beach buggies can run for miles and miles without an obstruction, and then one need only leave the beach, circle the breachway, and enter again on the other side. Much credit goes to the beach buggy associations, who over the years have donated many man hours to erecting snow fences and dumping old Christmas trees in order to build the beaches back up. They police themselves. No littering allowed. Courtesy is a habit, as natural as working a popper in a school of blues.

When we drove onto the beach, the sun was just beginning to redden the eastern sky, and already a half-dozen anglers, who didn't have beach buggies and had hiked in, were fishing next to the Irons, the rusted skeleton of a hulk dating back many years. No breaks or birds showed, but a couple of people were playing fish which turned out to be blues.

As the sun rose, an overcast moved in to meet it. There was no wind, and it looked like the beginning of a perfect day. Suddenly, a couple of hundred yards away, a flock of birds gathered, dipping into the wash of the light surf. Fish splashed underneath, not a yard from shore. Joe put the buggy in gear, and we were there in a minute.

While the rest of the guys ran to the surf, I was doing something I wish I'd done earlier, namely rigging the Fenwick 114. The morning and the conditions were too perfect not to use a fly rod. Finally, when Joe, Jim, Ed and Bobby had already landed and released two or three fish apiece, I was rigged, and shot the streamer towards the breaking fish. I stripped the line twice, and it stopped short. Lifting the rod, I sunk the hook, and was into a small striper. As it turned out, the fish were small, and I could play them by hand as you would a trout in your favorite stream. Meantime, the rest of the crew was having a ball. Joe was throwing a big popper half a mile, and connecting on almost every cast. Jim used a Rebel, and Ed and Bobby were both working Goo-Goo Eyes swimmers. Everything worked!

Now that I think of it, the fly rod must have been the jinx. For twenty to thirty minutes, those stripers moved up and down the beach, following a pod of bait over a 200 yard stretch. Then just as suddenly as they'd arrived, they vanished. Within half an hour, that calm overcast morning was being whipped by 30 mph winds, and the surf was building.

We hung around for an hour or so, jawing with other anglers while we waited for the fish to reappear. One pair of fishermen were vacationing from Quebec, Canada to catch the fall bass run in Rhode Island. Another beach buggy hailed from Springfield, Mass. A fish of about fifteen pounds was resting in their bucket.

Finally, Joe suggested we move up the line, and we did, checking the breachways at Quonochontaug and Charlestown. Then on to Matunuck, and up to Narragansett Bay.

I kind of laughed when we reached Narragansett Bay. Many times over the years, I'd been told to go to Narragansett for big fish, and had pictured it as a fairly small body of water, little bigger than the mouth of the Saugatuck River. Certain names sounded familiar, names of areas and spots I'd read in the columns of Vlad Evanoff, who knows that Rhode Island coast so well.

We crossed the bridge into Jamestown, and fished several areas there, fantastically beautiful areas. There were cliffs and huge rocks to scale to reach the water, but only a glance at the area gave you the feeling that every fish would be forty pounds or better.

We fished near the lighthouse, and below the Navy communications center. We checked the lee side of the island, where the wind was least, and saw a native angler pick up a schoolie.

It was an exciting and rewarding day, and we couldn't have learned more about the Rhode Island shoreline in months of reading. There comes a time in Rhody when the bass really come in. It could be the end of October, or the end of November, as it was last year, but when those fish begin to move, there's a three to five day period when the angler can't miss. He can follow them along the beaches from dawn till dusk, and catch fish until he's arm-weary. One fish might be a five pounder, and the next a fifty pound trophy that will strip him of all his line.

To plan a trip to Rhode Island, first consideration is a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Secondly, be prepared for all kinds of weather. A 10 to 13 foot surf stick is standard equipment, fitted with a big spinning reel, with a large-capacity spool, capable of holding a maximum amount of line. An extra spool rigged with 12 pound test for light plugs comes in handy. A long handled gaff for the rocky areas could save you a trophy fish.

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Course, even after the bass leave, mackerel, pollack and cod are available a short distance from shore. Right now though, I'm looking forward to that big bass day, any day.

boat came by. After hauling in the third bass, I attempted to make another cast. The boy was into a fish again, and at the same time, still another boat passed through. This boat was close enough that I had to halt my cast. With the interruptions due to passing boats and landing and unhooking fish, these fellows were now standing in line waiting for me to cast out their lures! Now the boats were coming through in pairs as the first rays of the sun peeked out from over the horizon. Bass continued to break the still surface and boats plowed over them as I kept up my maddening pace of fishing for three people. Now practically broad daylight, blues began mixing in with the bass until it was strictly blue-fishing. I glanced down the beach and found that fish were breaking the whole length of the inlet as still more boats passed through. When the time came that we could not get a fish on the first cast, I suspected the blitz was about over. Still we boated two more blues in full sight of a few more boats heading out to the Sound. I glanced down and counted eight bass between 3 and 8 lbs. and an even dozen blues between 3 and 4 lbs. Some bass were returned to the water, and as usual, some fish had been lost. All the fish were caught within forty five to fifty minutes. The boy turned to me and asked, "Where are all those boats going?"

"Fishing," I answered. "They're going fishing." He looked at me more puzzled than ever as one by one boats passed the last of the channel buoys and roared off to rendezvous with still more boats to form a traffic jam that can be compared with 5th Ave. and 42nd St. at the usual trolling grounds.

On the subject of trolling once again, I was told recently by a friend of a trip with the proud new owner of a very expensive 27 footer. The owner, who in a conservative spirit, chose to stay away from the trolling fleet of Crane's Neck Point, brought along a can of bunker chum. Finding a quiet stretch of water near the point, he began to ladle it over the canvassed stern. A few birds were attracted to the slick. They were followed by a few more until what comprises a full flock were on the scene winging around his boat and down the chum slick, picking up bits of bunker. Hearing a roar, the unsuspecting owner raised his eyes to see a sight that made him tremble in his tracks. He found himself 'dead on, center target,' as boats steamed in full speed for the kill from 360 degrees of the compass. Panic almost overtook the poor man as he ran around inside the cockpit with his arms waving about. His boat rocked violently as they approached and began to cast. The birds streaked off. "They got so close that we had to push off one boat before he banged into us," my friend related. "We tried to explain that the birds were attracted to the chum and not by fish. I don't even think that they believed us."

These have been but a few factual stories from our fishing world of surfmen and boatmen. More to come.

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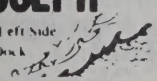

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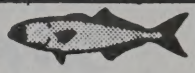

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South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports he has been doing very well with the codfishing at Coxes Ledge. Fish in the 40 lb. class have been keeping everyone happy. For the porgy fishermen, the "Viking Starlite" has been doing well right off of the Point with both nice sized fish and a good number of them per man.

Capt. Richie Rade, skipper of the "Marlin III," reported good porgy fishing off of Block Island. These fish are of nice size and there are plenty of them. Cod were mixed in with the porgies at this area.

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen," reported the codfishing at Coxes Ledge on Friday and Saturday was very good. Fish in the 40 and 50 lb. class were taken. Blues in the teen class are plentiful and some real big ones are taken once in a while (a 22 lb. blue was taken). Some porgies and sea bass are available also. On Sunday, the weather was a little rough, however, the fishing was still good.

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George Shuman of N.J. (right) with a pool winning cod of 61 lbs. and Sadge Plumeri of N.J. with a 31 lb. pollack. Photo courtesy of the "Viking Star."

Capt. Bud Dorman, skipper of the "Viking Skipper," reported that the porgies are still hitting around the Block Island area. "On Friday, we had excellent results with these fish and the high hook was 101 porgies. We also caught sea bass and blackfish. On Saturday, James Stanford, of N.Y.C., was high hook. He caught 101 porgies also. On Sunday, we stood close to the Point because of the weather. The fishing was not as good as at the Block Island area but we managed to pick up a few porgies and sea bass. Starting Election Day, the Viking Skipper will sail for codfish and pollack."

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SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. of the "Capt. Clark," fishing the Shinnecock Bay Basket area did very well with flounders and blackfish. The blacks went to 6 lbs. during the week and the flounders ran to 2 lbs. "The fishing is getting better every day."

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Behrle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported the flounder fishing is pretty good around Shinnecock Bay. The Basket and the Greenlawn areas are the best spots. These flatties run from a ½ to 1½ lbs. and fall for worms and mussels. Small striped bass invaded the bay. The bass were mostly shorts but a few keeper sized fish were mixed in.

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SAG HARBOR

Harry Smith of the Noyac Marina reported flounders are being caught in most of the creeks and harbors. Fred Bubak and Kevin Brackle, of Queens, had 40 fat flounders fishing Noyac Creek with mussels and worms. Local anglers have been getting flounders by shore fishing at Mill Creek and Noyac Creek.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," fished the Plum Island area and did very well with the flounders. Using clams as bait, anglers produced flounders up to 2½ lbs. There are plenty of fish for everyone.

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MORICHES

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reported the flounder fishing is excellent off of Great Gun Beach. Crabbing has been terrific also. These blue claws are big and the action has been taking place near Buoy 28. On Sunday, a Mr. Heaton, along with his son in law and a friend, of Yonkers, had 100 fat flounders. They were caught at Great Gun Beach.

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MASTIC

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reported that some of the biggest crabs of the season are being caught around Buoy 17. The flounders are at this area also. The flatties run about a ½ to ¾'s of a pound. Ronnie's station will be opened throughout the winter, catering to duck shooters. Boats are available also; just call 281-8493.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Capt. Litwin", reported good flounder action. Thirty fish per man is just about the average. The Captain fished the Bay Shore Channel and used worms and clam as bait. The fish averaged 1 to 1½ lbs. A few fish which ran over 2 lbs. were taken.

Capt. Richie Westerlind, skipper of the "Capt. Richie," reported good flounder fishing at the Bay Shore flats, Babylon Bay and Heckscher Park. There is a nice showing of fall flounders, with about 25 fish per man the average. Some blue claw crabs are still around. The Captain advised that worms were the best in the bait department in these areas.

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BABYLON

Bob Castalani of the Babylon Tuna Club reported that club members Dennis Bofinger and Joe Booth landed two large sharks at the Lightship Buoy. Dennis took a 267 lb. Blue Shark and Joe had a Mako that tipped the scales at 274 lbs. The Babylon Tuna Club's fall flounder contest was a success. Winners were: 1st place, Dick Orlandi with a 1 lb. 5½ oz. flounder; 2nd place, Bob Paucel with a 1 lb. 4½ oz. flattie; 3rd place, Carol Bruckner with a 1 lb. 4 oz. fish.

Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reported the crabbing is still holding up very well throughout the bay. Flounder fishing is excellent off of Good Samaritan Hospital and in the State Channel. The bluefish are offshore, just opposite Point O' Woods. Dusty Smith, of Deer Park, had four stripers in the 18 to 21 lb. range fishing Cedar Beach with live eels.

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SEAFORD

Carmine Dell of Dell's Fsihing Station reported that the flounders are biting well throughout the bay. Crabbing is still excellent at several locations. Charlie Cisco, Frank Klein and Ray Klein, of Bethpage, had 60 flounders and a ½ bushel of crabs. Takahiro Kowaski and Ryota Kowaski, of Flushing, had 14 flounders and a bushel of crabs. These catches were made at the Four Corners.

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reported some fair flounder fishing at the Four Corners and Florence Beach. The crabbing is excellent all over and these blue claws are big. Outside the boatmen are trolling some big bass on tubes, spoons and live bait.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that the crabbing is excellent. "You can get blue claw crabs just about anywhere!" Jones Beach piers and Field 6 are two of the better spots. Flounder fishing is good. These flatties run from a ½ to 1 lb. and worms are best in the bait department.

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FREEPORT

John Ray of the Shore Rod & Gun Club reported that 10 members of the club had an excellent day on bluefish at the Cholera Banks aboard the "Blue Fin," skippered by Sy Karlin. 58 blues in the 7 to 15 lb. class were chummed by the members.

Capt. Marty Dombrowski, of skipper of the "Capt. Marty," reported that the Cholera Banks are loaded with fish. Blues to 12 lbs. are plentiful. The "Aloma" had a 10 lb. tuna mixed in with the blues. The "Capt. Al" had a 37 lb. cod mixed in with the blues. The Capt. Jack's "Star Stream" had a great catch of blues consisting of many big fish. All these fish were chummed. Anlgers fishing this area were well satisfied with their catch.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross," reported there is good bluefishing at the Cholera Banks. There is good blackfishing at the wrecks with the fish going to 7 and 8 lbs. A 12 pounder is taken once in a while. The average black runs about 3 lbs.. Along the beaches (Lido and Long Beach), big blues and bass are being trolled with red and white bunker spoons. The bass run about 15 lbs.

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing in Reynolds Channel, Middle Bay and Swift's Creek is very good. The flatties run from ¾'s to 1 lb. and they are taking worms. The Meadowbrook Bridge and Long Creek has nice blackfishing. These fish go from 2 to 5 lbs. Outside, at the Cholera Banks, the blues are doing well. All big fish (teen size) are being chummed. Lido Beach to Jones Beach has very good bass action. Bass from 20 to the mid-thirties are hitting big bunker spoons and large red tubes. On Saturday and Sunday, on the inside, east of the Meadowbrook Bridge, a total of 42 bass from 4 to 7 lbs. were taken by one angler. These stripers were taken strictly on clam.

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North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

The report from Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait and Tackle is very good blackfishing. Plenty of blacks behind Execution Light at the reefs. Good flounder fishing in the bay using sandworms, also tommy cod are starting to show. Bob Cartagngta of City Island landed a 26 pound striper last week at Harts Island. Bob was using sandworms at the time.

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BAYVILLE

Norm's Fishing Station reported very good bottom fishing. Flounders and blackfish are plentiful and if the weather permits, you can have a fine fishing trip. The blacks average 2 to 3 lbs. and are taking worms and crabs. The flounder population is growing every day and they run about 1 lb. each. The blues are as spooky as ever. They hit the beach one day and hide for two days. When they do come in, everyone gets a little arm weary. The blues hit Centre Island Beach over the weekend during the rain and the brave surfmen had 8 to 10 fish. Tin or poppers work equally well on these choppers. The bass that are around now are mostly schoolies (4 to 5 lbs.) and they are basically taking worms.

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GLEN COVE

John Cacciola of the Glen Cove Sports Shop reported that the blues are still around, but a bit spotty. Flounders have started in all the bays and harbors but these fish are still on the small side. John fished the Cold Spring Harbor area over the weekend and saw a few schools of bass. He managed to catch about 20 of these stripers but most of them were "shorts."

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported that blues and bass are being trolled at Whitewood Point. You can also cast for them when they decide to come topside. Poppers are very effective for these choppers and bass. The bass are mainly schoolies with a few lunkers mixed in. Blacks to 8 lbs. are taking green crabs and worms are doing very well on the flounders.

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NORTHPORT

Ted Bowmann of Bowmann's Tackle reported that Sandy Ables, of Huntington, while fishing off of Montauk, using an umbrella rig, landed three striped bass. The fish weighed about 15 lbs. each. The best part is that they hit the rig all at once and that's about 45 lbs. of fish going in three different directions at one time. That's almost like work! The local report is good bluefishing. Blues from 5 to 13 lbs. are being taken. The surfmen are doing well with poppers (Creek Chub silver popper) and the boatmen are killing them with Rebels (5½ and 7" swimmers). All of the fish are very close to shore and there are many school sized bass mixed in with the blues. Bottom fishing remains good with blackfish the number one action. Flounders are getting better and there are still a few porgies around. Makamah, Asharoken and Hobart Beaches are the hot spots with clam as bait.

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Dan Morro, Publicity Chairman for the Huntington Anglers, reported excellent striper and bluefishing off Eaton's Neck on umbrella rigs. Dan, along with fellow club members Harry Maurer and Bill Piccione, caught 22 blues and 4 bass. Dan captured the largest striper; it tipped the scales at 31 lbs. 10 ozs.

George Valentine of the Four Winds Tackle Shop reported that Joe Locurto caught a 26 lb. 8 oz. bass trolling an umbrella rig off Eaton's Neck. Trolling and clam chumming in the Eaton's Neck area has been paying off on the bigger stripers. School sized stripers are being caught by worm trollers at Marshall Field and Asharoken. Bluefishing remains good off Makamah and Crab Meadow Beaches. Bunker cut into chunks is best in the bait department.

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SMITHTOWN

George Pankovcin of Beacon On The Sound reported that flounder fishing in the Nissequogue River is good. The flatties run about 1 lb. and they are taking worms. There are some nice blackfish outside. They run to about 5 lbs. and are taking worms and clams. The bluefish are spotty but the ones that are taken are big (14 lbs.). They range from Cranes Neck to Sunken Meadow and are hitting mainly on top. They will hit anything thrown at them. Floating worms at the mouth of the Nissequogue River will produce bass.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported he couldn't get out because of some minor problems, however, a friend of his, Dick Brunguell, of Selden, on his boat the "Happy Hooker," hit into blues which ran from 9 to 14 lbs. at Old Field by trolling with umbrella rigs. There are still some nice blues to be had in the area fro anyone who likes trolling deep.

Capt. Joe Cash, skipper of the "Port Jeff Ace," reported very good blackfishing at Old Field Point. The blacks go to 8 lbs. and they are hitting fiddler crabs.

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MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported good flounder fishing all along the shore and at the mouth of the harbor. Druing the week, the blackfishing was very good. Blacks of 6 to 7 lbs. are common and plentiful. Blues from 6 to 9 lbs. are being trolled and are also coming in on top for the casters You can use umbrella rigs or bucktails, Rebels or Hopkins. The hot spots are Miller Place and Rocky Point, Buoy 11 to 9. Some bass are mixed in with the blues. Most of these fish are schoolies with an occasional teen sized fish mixed in.

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PECONICS

Pete Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported good flounder fishing and blackfishing at the Brickyard and Reydon Shores. Mostly small fish are being taken in Southold Bay. Pete told us the Orient Point Station has excellent blackfishing. Mulford Pt. (west of Orient Pt. Station) is a real hot spot. Tony LoPerfido and his friend George (no last name), of Westchester County, loaded up on blackfish. These blacks go from 5 to 9 lbs. and they are taking green crabs. Petty's Bight, off of the fish traps, has very good flounder fishing. These flatties go from 1 to 1½ lbs. Plum Gut is excellent for bass and blues. Fred Bayer and party, aboard his boat "Lazy Bones II," had 62 bass (schoolies) and 40 blues last Monday. 8 oz. diamond jigs on an outgoing tide are best.

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GREENPORT

Capt. George Moore, skipper of the "Tex III," reported they are knocking them dead with the big blacks at the north side of Plum Island. Lou Muelli, a N.Y.C. policeman, had a 9 lb. 3 oz. blackfish the other day. The blacks run from 3½ to 9 lbs. and they are taking green crabs.

Art White of White's Tackle Shop reported that the blackfishing is very good around Gull Island and Green Hill. These blacks go from 6 to 8 lbs. and are taking green crabs. Flounders going 1 to 1½ lbs. are available and they are taking clams and worms. Pigeon Rip, Plum Gut and the Race are excellent spots for bass and blues. The bass go as high as 25 lbs. 8 oz. diamond jigs and bucktails are best in these areas.

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Dan Morro, of the Huntington Anglers, with a 31 lb. 10 oz. striper caught on an umbrella rig off Eaton's Neck.

N.Y. Bight

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported very good flounder fishing at Bannister Creek, Buoy 1, Cedarhurst Yacht Club, Buoy 5, Long Beach, the High School and Woodmere Channel. The flounders go to 1½ lbs. and average about ¾'s of a pound. Blue claw crabs are taking the worms anglers are using as bait. On Sunday, Bob and Gerard Closs and Morris Kahn, of Far Rockaway, did very well with the flounders and blue claw crabs. On Saturday, Don Musco and Phil Bellormino, of Richmond Hill, fished Bannister Creek for flounders. They had between 50 and 60 of these flatties. The Silver Point Jetty, 28th Street wreck and the reef at the Sea Buoy 4 has very good blackfishing. The offshore blacks go from 10 to 12 lbs. Sea bass and small porgies are mixed in with these fish. The blackfish found closer to shore go to 5 lbs. Reynolds Channel has bass jumping out of the water. The whole area is loaded with small sand eels and these 5 to 10 lb bass won't touch anything unless it matches the bait. The 54th to 59th Street area has small bass, weaks, small blues and nice kingfish. Trolling from the inlet east to Lido Beach, in about 35 to 50 feet of water, there is an excellent chance of hitting some very nice blues. Big bunker spoons (white) or big tubes (¾" red) will do the trick here. Bass are breaking loose around Middle Long Beach. Oscar Amoroso, skipper of the "Marlin," was in the right spot at the right time. Mary Barnett, fishing aboard this boat, landed a 41 lb. bass. Don Crawford, aboard the "5 to 1," also had a 41 pounder. William Hores, aboard the "Four Daughters," fishing with Don Pickney, of Brooklyn, had 4 bass of 32½, 32, 19½ and 17½ lbs. Other catches ranged from 16 to 33 lbs.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reported that the flounders are in strong all over the bay. The best areas seem to be from Silver Beach to Hook Creek. The flatties are running from a ½ lb. to 1 lb. Worms are still the best bait. Striped bass are around in good numbers at the North and South Channel Bridges. A large percentage of these fish are keepers. Sand worms and bucktails are producing after dusk. Surfcasters are getting bass along the Rockaways on clams and popping plugs. Fiddler crabs are excellent for blackfish under the Marine Parkway Bridge.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Miffia of Mike's Tackle Shop reported excellent bluefishing at the Farms. These blues are of the biggest variety; some run up to 20 lbs. and better. There was good striper action over the weekend at Norton's Point and Sea Gate. Surfcasters used plugs and tins at this area. Boatmen are trolling bunker spoons off Atlantic Beach, the Rockaways and Sandy Hook. The blackfishing has been excellent at the artificial reef and off Seabright and Long Branch. The rocky areas off the Rockaways has some excellent blackfishing also.

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop, reported the fishing action is centered around striped bass for the most part. Some flounders are being caught by jetty fishermen at the entrance to the harbor. There is good flounder fishing inside the Great Kills Harbor also. Stripers are being caught in Great Kills Harbor, Annadale, Fort Wadsworth and South Beach. There are tremendous numbers of "shorts" being caught. Plugs are about the best method on these fish.

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SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunting of the "Sea Horse" reported that the fishing is fantastic. They fished the Farms area and did very well with 15 to 20 blues per man average. The real sharpies did much better. The blues average 3 to 10 lbs. and all were chummed. The Shrewsbury Rocks and Ambrose Ridge also were hotspots. The fish here ran in the teen class. There are lots of bass mixed in with the choppers. The average size of these bass is 10 to 20 lbs., with a top weight so far of 46 lbs. 6 ozs.

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SHARK RIVER

Bobby Nash of the "MIss Belmar" reported great bluefsihing at the Klondike. The blues run from 5 to 15 lbs. and there are plenty of fish for everyone. The Sea Bright area is producing very well. Most spots will have bass mixed in witht he blues. These bass run from schoolies up to 30 lbs.

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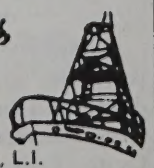

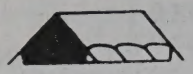

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Hudson River Report

by Pete Barrett

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Al Brenenstoul at the B & M Bait Shop is still scratching his head wondering when the largemouth fishing at Wappingers Lake is going to bust open. Water temperature is a bit too high for Hawg fishing but smaller bass to 2½ lbs. are hitting regularly. A good cold spell will bring the heavies to feed. Live shiners rigged on a two foot leader with an 1/8 oz. bell sinker or heavy split shot account for most catches. Perch and small stripers are readily available along the Hudson. Sandworms are the best bait.

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VERPLANCK

Striper fishing in Haverstraw Bay is picking up. Richie Ferris had a half dozen to 4 lbs. at Oscawanna Beach this week and others are being caught at the Oyster Beds off George's Island Park. Bass will be showing all through the Bay for the small boatman. Shore based anglers should try Furnace Brook, behind the FDR Hospital, at George's Island, Senesqua Beach and Harmon. Sandworms do the catching now, but yellow bucktails work too. Anyone interested in live lining herring or other baits can call Ace & Charlie's (914-737-5021)– Tackle Shop. They'll do their best to supply you with what you need. Herring dunkers will do best at Tellers Point and the Oyster Beds.

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CROTON POINT

Gary Ronser is back, picking stripers off Tellers Point trolling sandworms with a spinner rig. Gary trolls in the early evening and at daybreak taking fish to 3 lbs. His largest last week was a nice 7½ pounder. Stripers have also been reported at Bishops Rocks off Sing-Sing, and from the rocks along Scarborough and Tarrytown. Bucktails and swimming plugs fool a few bass but sandworms are the best. Crabbing is nearly finished but those caught now are very large.

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FORT LEE

Stripers disappeared from the Spuyten Duyvil this past week. Too many trollers, drift fishermen and casters shining their Coleman lanterns and clanging tackle boxes on the boat decks surely didn't help at this location. I fished it one day, got fed up with the Grand Central Station atmosphere, moved to another spot and caught two schoolies. Other stripers were caught on swimmers, poppers and bucktails at Riverdale and Yonkers. Arthur Goodman of the Bronx added a 6 lb. striper to hid catch of perch and eels and Mike Kruger had another good bass of 5 lbs. Both were using sandworms. Tommy cod fishing is excellent says Ed Graser of The Outdoorsmen Ltd. Stu Snyder, one of the Fort Lee junior brigade, is catching tommies, perch and eels as fast as he can bait the hook. At Piermont, small stripers were reported at the Pier and the Tallman Marsh.

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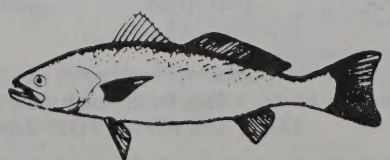

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The American Littoral Society re-elected its officers and named three new members to its advisory council at the Society's 11th annual meeting attended by some 350 members at Sandy Hook on Sunday, October 29, 1972.

The new members of the advisory council are: Eugege Geer, Jr., of Matawan, an engineer at Bell Laboratories and an active diving member of the Society's Jersey Littoral Task Force; Dr. William Jahoda of Lebanon, Conn., professor of biology emeritus, Eastern Connecticut State College, and producer of underwater films; and John H. Prescott, vice president and managing director of the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Nixon Griffis of New York City was elected to his second term as president of the Society. Other officers elected were: David Bulloch, Hillsdale, N.J.; Graham Macmillan, Madison, N.J., and Dr. Eugene Clark, College Park, Md., vice presidents; June Kieser, Flushing, N.Y., secretary; and Elias Baltin, New York City, treasurer.

Renamed to the advisory council were: Dr. James Atz, New York, John Brown, Glen Ridge, N.J., Dr. Jack Pearce, Fair Haven, N.J., and Virginia Steiner, Rumson, N.J.

The Littoral Society is a national organization dedicated to the study and conservation of aquatic life. The membership is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the sea and the life it contains. Headquarters are at Sandy Hook, N.J.

MARK SOSIN OPENS TROUT UNLIMITED FALL/WINTER PROGRAM

Trout Unlimited is at it again - supplying another entertaining and educational program for New Jersey's trout fishermen.

The East Jersey Chapter of TU will have Mark Sosin, well known outdoor writer, CBS outdoor editor and author of Practical Knots for Fishermen, at their November meeting. Mark's fishing experience has taken him from the cold, clear walleye and pike waters of Canada to the glaring hot, bonefish flats of the tropics. A master with the fly rod, he has pioneered techniques in saltwater fly rodding, developed the famous Block Buster pattern and currently holds the world's 12 tippet fly rod record with a 53 lb. 6 oz. Yellowtail Tuna.

The program theme will include fishing knots - how to tie them, where and when to use them - and since this is the weakest link in an angler's tackle, you'll be prepared so that big one won't get away! Other topics will include fly and spinning tackle and techniques for trout.

Door prize for the meeting is an Abu-Delta fly reel. A $1.00 donation for non-TU members will go towards the Model Stream Project on the Saddle River.

TU meets at the Rustic Lodge on Route 46 in East Paterson at 8 p.m. on November the 9th. Bring along a fishing buddy and don't forget a notebook to record the many fish taking helpers Mark will describe.

See you on the 9th!

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THE LOWLY WORM
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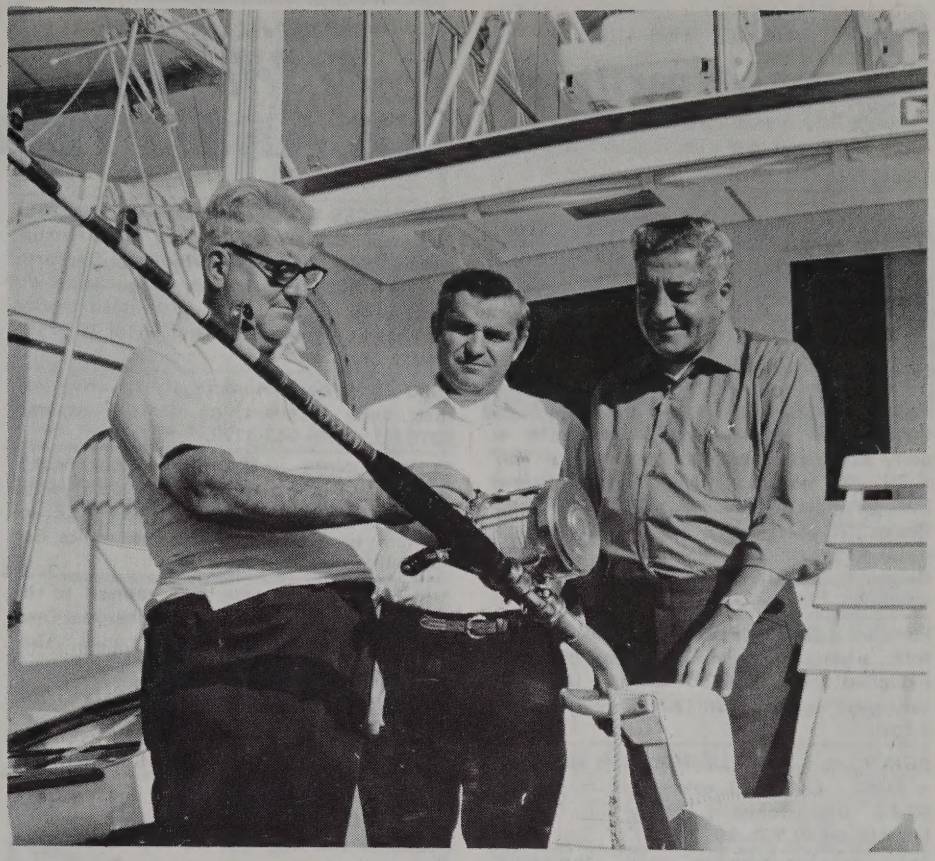
will take a worm. The only fish I know of here, that are definitely not turned by the prospect of a worm-dinner, are the pickerel tribe, and even old chain-sides may succumb to a wiggler once in a while.

There are many anglers, particularly the fly rod purists, who turn up their noses at the very idea of worm fishing. It would do well for us all to remember that there are situations in which the lowly worm is the best, if not the only way to catch fish. When your favorite water is discolored through rain run-off, or cold in the early spring or now, in the late fall, a worm can spell the difference between a good catch and a skunking. Good luck and tight lines.



Donald J.S. Merten, at left, of Huntington Station, N.Y., and Palm Beach Shores, Fla., shows Dr. John C. Baiardi, at right, director of the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk, and Dr. James E. Alexander, center, senior research scientist in Chemical Oceanography at the Laboratory, the fighting chair and rig he used in winning $10,000 first prize in this year's Tournament of Champions held at Walkers Cay in the Bahamas. Mr. Merten had just presented a check for half the prize money to NYOSL, earmarked to extend Dr. Alexander's study of mercury, cadmium, lead and nickel in marine fish. The presentation took place in the cockpit of Mr. Merten's 52-foot Mortensen offshore fishing boat, the Valiant Lady II, in her berth at the Deep Sea Marina in Lake Montauk Harbor.

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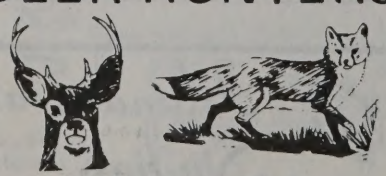

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Fri.	4:58	5:16
Sat.	5:43	5:59
Sun.	6:23	6:37
Mon.	6:58	7:13
Tues.	7:33	7:49
Wed.	8:09	8:24
Thur.	8:44	8:59
	9:19	9:38

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ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
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JONES INLET	-0	19
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Zachs Bay	+1	25
Oligo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Hookacher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	9:00	9:29
Fri.	9:43	10:12
Sat.	10:24	10:47
Sun.	10:53	11:22
Mon.	11:16	11:43
Tues.	11:32	11:59
Wed.	11:59	-----
Thur.	12:26	12:34

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:20	8:45
Fri.	9:05	9:31
Sat.	9:44	10:10
Sun.	10:23	10:48
Mon.	11:00	11:26
Tues.	11:38	-----
Wed.	12:06	12:16
Thur.	12:45	12:55

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	6:37	7:06
Fri.	7:16	7:45
Sat.	7:53	8:21
Sun.	8:29	8:55
Mon.	9:02	9:31
Tues.	9:35	10:09
Wed.	10:13	10:50
Thur.	10:49	11:34

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
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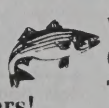
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